



# Promoting Conservation-Based Decision-Making

What is PEPC?

PEPC (Planning, Environment and Public Comment) is an online collaborative tool dedicated to facilitating the NEPA process in conservation planning, environmental impact analysis and informed decision-making.

PEPC supports the National Park Service's (NPS) project planning, compliance tracking, comment analysis and response, as well as public communication efforts. PEPC is designed by Park Representatives for:

**NPS Employees and Contractors** involved in project creation and tracking, planning, cultural and natural compliance, site visits, documentation, comment coding, and/or responding to comments.

**Park Superintendents and Regional Directors** to view detail and summary reports of planned projects and funding status, compliance status of active projects, and trends in public comments.

**Interested and Affected Public**, including internal and external agency contacts, to access and comment on notices, updates, documents, and policies throughout the planning process.

With PEPC, parks will improve efficiency and effectiveness of planning and compliance processes and delivery of services to the public.

#### PEPC Brings It Together...

- Relates funding to the NEPA compliance process and conservation-based decisionmaking.
- Facilitates collaboration with Interdisciplinary Team Members during all phases of the planning process.
- Provides access to project data at all levels and locations within the National Park Service.
- Enhances public communication and analysis of public comments.
- Allows managers to report on project status and trends across projects.

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## Planning

Improve overall management of projects Collaborate with interdisciplinary team members

Track key milestones View funding details

### Environment

Increase efficiency of compliance Prepare environmental screening form Schedule site visits and track tasks and mitigations

Track consultations

#### **Public Comment**

Foster better relationships with constituents Communicate plans, meetings, and status through the Internet

Collect, analyze, and respond to public comment